Gay Speak

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The Voice OF The Pikes Peak Gay Community Center

Are We Moving?

Well, it's not solid yet but we've been looking. At the time of publication we have all agreed on a possible new location, but a lease has not been signed. What do we hope to achieve through a move? Let's start with size and atmosphere.

Proudly we say we have outgrown our present location. We have many groups in town who would meet at a more suitable location, thus giving us support and increased exposure.

A location in an office surrounding would offer more ease to public use for meetings, visiting or looking through the library. If you're looking for somewhere to hang around several afternoons a month in a usually solem atmosphere, we would love to have our new offices open as many afternoons as possible.

Again...call 471-4GAY and they'll turn you on to the right people.

'86 Family Reunion

Circle June 21st on your calendar. The picnic will be held at Lazyland in Palmer Park. Privacy galore, three pavilions, a barbeque, space for games and sports including softball and volley ball. One single admission will include food and entertainment. Small donations for games and novelties. Watch for May issue of Gayspeak for further information.

Coming Out?

As soon as the Community Center has been moved to it's new location, a coming out support group will be started. If you are interested in joining, or know someone who is, please contact the Helpline.

"How Sweet It Is"

Thank you! PPGCC's recent fund raiser was a sweet success. 1500 Worlds Finest chocolate bars were sold during the past three weeks, raising $750.00

The sale provided immediate funds presently needed to operate the Center. A special thanks to Matt (H & S Security Guard), who sold 200 candy bars; collective efforts from PPMCC, Count Me In, PFLAG, and Center Members and friends, including the patrons of the Exit, Hide and Seek and 2735 Club.

The fundraising committee welcomes your ideas for future activities or become a committee volunteer. I personally express a thanks to our committee members who collectively organized the candy sale.

Violence Prevention Center

National statistics show that an incident of violence in the home occurs at least every 8 seconds. All couples experience times of stress in a relationship. Some people deal with frustration by using physical violence.

Domestic violence is physical and emotional abuse committed against a woman **or a man** by any individual with whom she/he has a significant relationship.

The Domestic Violence Prevention Center offers crisis counseling, temporary shelter, referral and advocacy, support groups and community education. All services are confidential and free of charge.

If you are currently experiencing physical or emotional abuse in your relationship and don't know what you can do about it. Start by calling Domestic Violence. Their gay sensitive staff can be reached during office hours (mon. thru fri. from 8:30 to 5:00) at 633-1462 or by calling the 24 hour hotline number - 633-3819.

Gay Housing

Did you know there is a apartment complex in Colorado Springs that is trying to go 100% gay?

Find out what is going on in your community. Call **YOUR** Helpline at 471-4GAY.

Editor For GaySpeak Still Needed

Presently, GaySpeak is being put out by the Board of Directors of the Pikes Peak Gay Community Center. As you may have noticed, the size of the paper has decreased since it was last published. This is not due to a lack of news or advertisers. Nor is it due to a lack of response from our readers. The only reason the paper is not as good as it could be, has to do with you!

Somewhere out there is someone who has toyed with the idea of applying for the Editors position with the Board of Directors. For whatever reason, you have yet to step forward. Please, we have been advertising for the need to have this position filled for several months now. What is wrong? Due to a lack of time on the part of the people who are already donating as much as they can to the Community Center, the paper will have to remain the way it is until **you** do something about it.

Again, if you are interested in volunteering approximatly 5 hours a month to help **your** Community Center keep in touch with the community...call the Helpline and leave your name and number. A member of the Board will return your call.

Report From The Board

The Pikes Peak Gay Community Center is an educational organization for the community at large as well as a resource/referral system for the gay/lesbian community and it's supporters. The Community Center was founded in 1979 and incorporated in July 1981. We are a non-profit organization. Funds received in the form of donations, memberships and fund-raisers are for the sole purpose of achieving growth in the community. Too often it can barely cover current expenses. All positions on the Board of Directors are volunteer statis, along with an average of thirty other volunteers being around and helping us achieve many of our goals. We currently have a long list of volunteers staffing our 471-4GAY number in the evenings and Saturdays.

Along with general social information, they're loaded with referrals dealing with couseling, therapy, legal, medical and emergency services in addition to peer counseling.

If you've wanted to meet more of the community and desire more information, give us a call. There is an informative recording during the day and a helpful volunteer from 6:00 to 9:00 pm and Saturday afternoon. Better yet...become a friendly volunteer.

Did I Boo Boo!!

By Dan Craig - President P.P.G.C.C.

I recently received a letter of criticism. Unfortunately it was dated 2/13/86, so my reply is rather late. The letter critized Gayspeak's recent trends. My apologies.

The editor for Gayspeak (elected) became involved in work in November so we helped him as much as possible to print a combined Nov-Dec. issue. Shortly after that he stopped working and moved to California. His resignation came in the form of a letter. Since then we have done what we could to keep as many members as possible informed. Do you know what it can be like to commit yourself as a volunteer? For the months of March and April Gayspeak has been published through a combined effort of volunteers.

The writer asked another excellent question: why should our public attend a function sponsored by us when they haven't heard from us in months?...This one really confuses me! We've been here. We are in the business of talking to people-keeping in touch. The purpose of the events we've sponsored has been to expose ourselves to you. We receive calls daily from people who have much interest in us and our services. My question is where are you?

If you have a question, you can write to us at P.O. Box 574, Colo. Spgs. CO 80901 or call 471-4GAY.

"Blonde"

Who's the New Blonde In Town?!...It's Vicki Shepard. Now at a return engagement at the Clarion Hotel (I-25 & Circle). Vicki's accompanied by a Jazz Trio and performs Wed. thru Sat. nights weekly. No cover.

Her versatile repertoire contains songs from the 1940's to the most contemporary hits. When you stop in to see the show, ask about her new Video release.

Looking For Something Different?

The Pikes Peak Gay Community Center is looking for volunteers. If your tired of the same old routine and are looking for something different to get involved in. Why not consider us.

The center has many committees, groups and services that could use your help. The amount of hours you donate depends on what you want to do. This summer, make a committment. Get involved. Do something worthwhile with your spare time. Call the Helpline at 471-4429, the Center is You!

Parents and Friends of Gays

P.F.L.A.G. meets the first Tuesday of every month from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. Call **635-7917** for location or for more information.

COMMUNITY GROUPS AND SERVICES

"CAN WE TALK" - Mondays at 7:00 p.m. open to everyone.

C.A.R.E. - Coordinators Meeting at 1:00 p.m. on Sundays at the Community Center.

"COUNT ME IN" - Thursdays between 7:30 and 9:00 p.m. open to everyone.

DIGNITY (Catholic support group) - Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m.

GAY ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS - Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8:00 p.m. In the church basement at 730 N. Tejon.

GAY HELPLINE - 471-4GAY volunteers work the phones Monday thru Friday 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., Saturday from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month.

IMPERIAL COURT OF SOUTHERN COLORADO - For information call 471-7468

MARANATHA MCC - Meets Sundays at 10:00 am. at the Community Center.

NETWORK - 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month, 6:00 to 9:00 P.M., upstairs at the Exit.

"Out And About" - Meets Mondays at 7:00 p.m. on the C.C. Campus.

PIKES PEAK MCC - Sunday Service 5:00 pm. at 7:30 N. Tejon.

SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASE CLINIC - 510 N. Foote Avenue, minors examined without parents consent, information confidential, nominal fee. Call 636-0147

SPEAKERS BUREAU - Call Helpline for information.

TERROS CRISIS AND COUNSELING HOTLINE - Call 471-4127

Lesbian Support Group - Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.

For further information regarding the groups above, call 471-4GAY.